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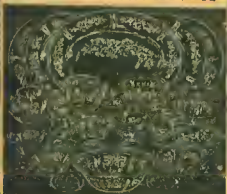


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STORY BY -
CHARLES
BIRO

Trouble is cheap!

SOME SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE SAY THAT TROUBLE COMES IN THREES! NOT BEING THAT WAY MYSELF, I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT TROUBLE SOMETIMES HAS A WAY OF GAINING MOMENTUM AND CAN FLOOD YOU OVER LIKE A TIDAL WAVE IF NOT CHECKED IN TIME! IT'S EASY TO MISTAKE TROUBLE FOR ADVENTURE. A BOY WHO SAILS HIS HOME-MADE RAFT DOWN THE STREAM IS LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE, BUT IF HE WERE SAILING DOWN THE NIMROD RIFLES ON THE SAME LITTLE RAFT, HE'D BE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE! THERE ARE TWO SOFT-HEADED ADVENTURERS IN THIS CRIMEBUSTER STORY WHO COULDN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE-AND ODDLY ENOUGH, THEIR TROUBLE CAME IN THREE PACKAGES!

Charles Biro

DRAWN BY
NORMAN
TRAUER

THIS IS IT, LOU! THE DEAN REQUESTS THAT I LEAVE STATE UNIVERSITY IN VIEW OF MY POOR SCHOLASTIC RECORD!

SAME HERE! FLUNKED OUT! WHAT I NEED IS A GOOD STIFF DRINK! C'MON!

THAT'S ALL, BOYS! THE BAR'S CLOSED!

VERY UNHOSPITABLE! BUT I KNOW WHERE I CAN BUY A BOTTLE!

TOOK ALL OUR DOUGH, BUT I GOT IT!-HIC!

GIMME! I WANNA HIC DRINK!



WATCH OUT!
YOU'LL...NOW
SEE WHATCHA
DID!



ALL GONE! AN'
I NEVER HAD
A DRINK!



NOW WHADDA WE
GONNA DO? HIC!
NO MOOLA, NO
LIQUOR, AN' NO
SCHOOL!



WHAT'S TO KEEP
US FROM HOPPIN'
A FREIGHT RIGHT
NOW! JUST GO
WHEREVER IT
TAKES US!



WUNNERFUL
IDEA! NO
MORE STUDYIN'
NO MORE
SOUL-FACED
PROFS! LET'S
DO IT! THERE'S
ONE NOW!



OHMM...MY POOR
HEAD! HEY! WHERE
ARE WE?



HUH! ON I
KNOW! LAST THING
WE DECIDED TO DO
WAS HOP A
FREIGHT!
REMEMBER?



WHUEW! HAVE
WE TRAVELED!
WE'RE NEARLY
OUT TO THE
COAST ALL
READY!



GOOD! WE'LL
BE STOPPING
SOON! I'M
HUNGRY AS
A WOLF!



PSS! C'MON, KEN!
LET'S SCRAM BEFORE
WE GET CAUGHT BY
RAILROAD DICKS!



COMING!



BOY! IT'S
AWFUL TO
BE HUNGRY
AND
BROKE!



HERE'S
WHERE
WE EAT,
KEN!



BUT, LOU,
WHAT'LL WE
USE FOR
MONEY?



LOOK, MAC! WE'RE A COUPLE
OF HUNGRY GUYS! IF YOU'LL
GIVE US SOME
FOOD, WE'LL
WASH THE
DISHES, SCRUB
THE FLOOR...
ANYTHING!



WE'RE NOT
BUMS! HONEST!
WE'RE LOOKING
FOR WORK
IF...



GET OUTTA HERE
OR I'LL THROW
YOU OUT!



I'LL PAY FOR THEIR GRUB! SIT DOWN, BOYS!

THANKS A LOT! WE REALLY ARE HUNGRY!

YOU SAID IT! BUT WE'LL PAY YOU BACK AS SOON AS WE GET A JOB!



MY NAME'S BINK BODSON! I WORK UP AT THE LUMBER CAMP! IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WORK, I CAN FIX IT! YOU LOOK STRONG ENOUGH AND YOU'LL CATCH ON FAST!



GEE, THAT WOULD BE SWELL, BINK! I'M LOU DRAPER, AND THIS IS KEN HENDRICKS



WELL, NOW THAT YOU'RE ON THE PAYROLL, COME ON DOWN TO MY SHACK AND MEET MY WIFE MARIE!



HI, HONEY! I WANT YOU TO MEET A COUPLE OF NEW BOYS—KEN AND LOU!



I'M CERTAINLY GLAD TO MEET YOU!



I'M GLAD YOU CAME! YOU'LL STAY FOR DINNER, WON'T YOU?



SURE, SURE, THEY WILL, MARIE!



LOOK! INSTEAD OF LIVING UP AT THE BUNKHOUSE, WHY DON'T YOU STAY WITH US? WE HAVE AN EXTRA ROOM!



IT SOUNDS SWELL, BUT WOULDN'T IT BE TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR MARIE?



DON'T BE SILLY! MAKE IT A BUSINESS DEAL! \$15 A MONTH FOR ROOM AND BOARD!

GEE, BINK'S A REGULAR GUY!

AND MARIE'S QUITE A GAL! IMAGINE A SLICK LITTLE NUMBER LIKE HER IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!



THIS PAY ENVELOPE SURE LOOKS GOOD! NOW WE CAN PAY YOU THE MONEY WE OWE YOU!



THERE'S NO HURRY—BUT TONIGHT WE CAN HAVE A LITTLE GAME OF POKER, HUH? MARIE LOVES TO PLAY!



BINK! YOU'RE SO CLUMSY! YOU KEEP DROPPING THE CARDS!



I GOT LUMBERMAN'S HANDS, HONEY! GOOD WITH AN AXE, BUT NO GOOD WITH CARDS!





YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO HANDLE CARDS, LOU! YOU'RE REALLY SMOOTH!

IT'S JUST A KNACK, MARIE!



THAT FINISHES ME!

HOLD ON, BINK! I WAS JUST LUCKY! HERE, TAKE \$15 OF THIS BACK! CALL IT THREE MONTHS RENT IN ADVANCE FOR US!



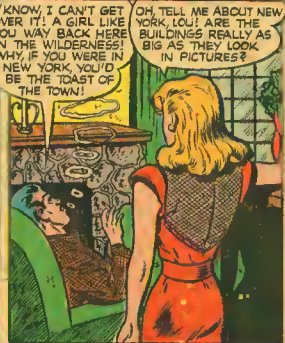
HEY, IT'S NEAR TIME FOR THE FIGHTS DOWN AT THE CAMP! HOW ABOUT GOIN' TO WATCH THEM?

SWELL! YOU KNOW I HATE FIGHTS! I'LL STAY HOME!



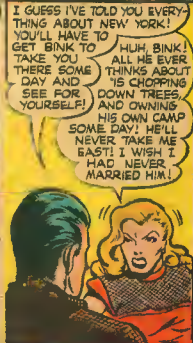
LOU, AREN'T YOU COMING?

NOT TONIGHT! I'M PRETTY TIRED—THINK I'LL HIT THE SACK EARLY! RUN ALONG AND HAVE FUN!



Y'KNOW, I CAN'T GET OVER IT! A GIRL LIKE YOU WAYS BACK HERE IN THE WILDERNESS! WHY, IF YOU WERE IN NEW YORK, YOU'D BE THE TOAST OF THE TOWN!

OH, TELL ME ABOUT NEW YORK, LOU! ARE THE BUILDINGS REALLY AS BIG AS THEY LOOK IN PICTURES?



I GUESS I'VE TOLD YOU EVERYTHING ABOUT NEW YORK! YOU'LL HAVE TO GET BINK TO TAKE YOU THERE SOME DAY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

HUH, BINK! ALL HE EVER THINKS ABOUT 'IS CHOPPING DOWN TREES AND OWNING HIS OWN CAMP SOME DAY! HE'LL NEVER TAKE ME EAST! I WISH I HAD NEVER MARRIED HIM!



WHY, YOU DON'T MEAN THAT, MARIE! BINK'S A GREAT GUY—AND HE'S CRAZY ABOUT YOU!

BINK, BINK, BINK! THAT'S ALL YOU EVER TALK ABOUT! HE'S JUST A BIG CLUMSY OX! THE ONLY GOOD THING HE EVER DID WAS TO BRING YOU HERE TO STAY!



I'VE LIKED MEETING YOU TOO, MARIE! I'M REALLY GOING TO MISS YOU.

MISS ME? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LEAVE! OH, YOU CAN'T LEAVE, LOU!



I'VE GOT TO MARIE! KEN AND I WANT TO TRAVEL AROUND! WE'LL BE SHOVING OFF ANY DAY NOW! I WANT TO HEAD EAST TO NEW YORK!

IF YOU GO, TAKE ME WITH YOU! TAKE ME TO NEW YORK TOO!



MARIE! YOU MUST BE CRAZY! I COULDN'T DO A THING LIKE THAT TO BINK! NOT AFTER ALL HE'S DONE FOR ME!

BUT I DON'T WANT TO STAY WITH BINK! I WON'T STAY WITH BINK! I'LL RUN AWAY IF YOU GO!



WELL, I CAN'T STOP YOU IF YOU WANT TO RUN AWAY! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HAPPY WITH BINK! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT—WHEN WE LEAVE, I'LL WRITE AND LET YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE! IF YOU WANT TO MEET US, ALL RIGHT! ONLY YOU CAN'T GO WITH US!

OH LOU, YOU'RE WONDERFUL! WHATEVER YOU SAY!



STILL AWAKE? THE FIGHTS WERE SWEET! YOU SHOULD'VE COME ALONG!

SOME OTHER TIME! SAY, I HAD QUITE A TALK WITH MARIE!



WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF WE LEFT HERE AND MARIE WERE TO JOIN US A LITTLE LATER ON?

WHAT? ARE YOU CRAZY? WHAT ABOUT BINK? WHY OF ALL THE ROTTEN...



IN THE FIRST PLACE, I LIKE WORKING HERE, AND I LIKE BINK! I COULD GO FOR MARIE MYSELF, BUT SHE'S BINK'S WIFE! YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON MARIE—TELLING HER A LOT OF SILLY STUFF! LAY OFF IT, OR THERE'LL BE TROUBLE!

I DON'T NEED YOUR ADVICE! I'LL DO AS I PLEASE! GOOD NIGHT!



*Now—
I'm leaving before
there's trouble! I bet
take my advice
and quit trying to
steal Marie from
Bink. Kew*



GOTCHA!

HEY!!
LEGGO!!

KEN! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHAT'S THE IDEA? I THOUGHT YOU WERE A SNEAK THIEF!



AW, I JUST WANTED TO LEAVE HERE, BINK—GOT AN ITCHY HEEL AND I HATE GOODBYES!

YOU'RE CRAZY, KEN! YOU CAN'T LEAVE LIKE THAT! HEY, MARIE! HEY, LOU!



LOU! WAKE UP! I NEED YOU TO TALK SOME SENSE TO THIS CRAZY PAL OF YOURS!

HUH?



COME ON TO BED, KEN, AND WE'LL TALK THIS OVER IN THE MORNING! YOU CAN'T LEAVE LIKE THIS!



OKAY, FELLOWS, YOU WIN!

THE NOTE!

NOT SO FAST! A FAREWELL NOTE, I BET! LET'S SEE IT!

NO!



"DEAR LOLI I'M LEAVING BEFORE THERE'S TROUBLE... BUT..."



STEAL MARIE FROM ME, WOULD YOU? I'M GONNA KILL YOU!

NO, BINK, NO!



STOP! STOP IT, BINK! IF YOU DON'T, I'LL KILL YOU!

NO ONE CAN STOP ME!





I WARN YOU, BINK! I'LL KILL YOU!



MARIE!



LOU! LOU DARLING! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

HE'S ALL RIGHT BUT WHAT ABOUT BINK? I THINK HE'S DEAD!



I TOLD YOU THERE'D BE TROUBLE!

IT'S YOUR FAULT! LEAVING A NOTE LIKE THAT!

QUIET! BOTH OF YOU! WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE HOW TO GET RID OF BINK'S BODY!



EVERYTHING! THEY'LL FIND HIM FLOATING DOWNSTREAM! IT'LL LOOK LIKE THE JOB OF A STICK-UP GUY! POCKETS STRIPPED, KNIFE HIDDEN! TOSS HIM IN!

YOU'RE SURE WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING?



THAT'S THAT! I'LL REPORT HIM MISSING TOMORROW!

I STILL THINK YOU SHOULD'VE REPORTED IT TO THE POLICE

AND LET MARIE FACE A MURDER CHARGE! NUTS! THIS IS A MUCH BETTER WAY!



MR. DENVERS! MR. DENVERS! WE JUST FOUND BINK DODSON'S BODY IN THE RIVER! STABBED IN THE BACK AND ROBBED!

HIS POOR WIFE, SHE REPORTED HIM MISSING THIS MORNING BUT I NEVER DREAMED THIS WOULD HAPPEN BEFORE I NOTIFY HER. I'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE!



I KNOW THIS IS YOUR VACATION, C.B. BUT HOW'D YOU LIKE TO COME OUT ON A CASE WITH ME? A MURDER OUT AT THE LUMBER CAMP

SURE, IF I CAN GO INCOGNITO! LOOVER TOLD ME HE'D NOT LET ME IN ON ANOTHER CASE IF HE CAUGHT ME WORKING DURING MY VACATION!

SMART OF THE CHIEF TO GET BINK'S WIFE AND THOSE OTHER BIRDS OUT SO I COULD PROWL AROUND!

HEY, SQUEAKS! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE?



BUT TRY TO BE MORE CAREFUL! YOU LITTLE APE—YOU ALMOST GAVE ME A HOT FOOT!



SQUEAKS MAY BE GIVING ME A BUM STEER, BUT IT'S WORTH CHECKING! IT MAY BE HIS BLOOD, BUT IF HE WAS MURDERED HERE WHERE WOULD THE KNIFE BE HIDDEN?



SQUEAKS, YOU DARLING—YOU'VE FOUND IT!



YOU CRACKED THE CASE, C.B.! THE LAB REPORT SHOWED THE SCRAPINGS TO BE BINK'S BLOOD! AND LOU'S PRINTS WERE ON THE KNIFE! WE'LL BE GETTING A CONFESSION ANY MINUTE NOW! MARIE, LOU AND KEN ARE BEING QUESTIONED INSIDE!



ALL RIGHT! I'LL TALK! LOU DID IT! HE'S MY BUDDY, AND I DIDN'T WANT TO SQUEAL, BUT I WON'T TAKE THE RAP FOR HIM! HE KILLED BINK IN GOLD BLOOD!

IT'S A LIE!

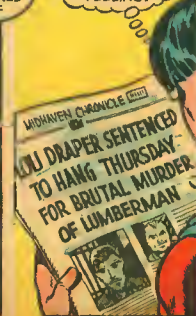


TELL THEM MARIE! TELL THEM IT'S A LIE! TELL THEM HOW YOU DID IT TO SAVE MY LIFE!

I'M SORRY, LOU, BUT I MUST TELL THE TRUTH! WHAT KEN SAYS IS TRUE! LOU KILLED MY HUSBAND! HE THREATENED TO KILL ME TOO, IF I TALKED!



THAT CASE SOLVED ITSELF ALMOST TOO EASILY! GIVES ME A STRANGE FEELING!



I'M INNOCENT! I DIDN'T KILL HIM!





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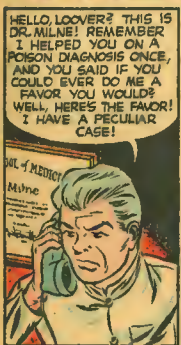
I'LL FIX YOU UP, HENDRICKS! BUT DON'T TRY AND GIVE ME THAT DRUNKEN BRAWL STORY AGAIN! I'VE CHECKED UP AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND I KNOW YOU DON'T DRINK!

PLEASE, DOC! JUST FIX ME UP AND DON'T ASK QUESTIONS! I GOT TROUBLES ENOUGH! ALL YOU'LL DO IS MAKE 'EM WORSE!



WHOM ARE YOU TRYING TO SHIELD? WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE POLICE FOR PROTECTION? MY RECORDS SHOW THAT THIS HAPPENS TO YOU AROUND THE TWENTIETH OF EVERY MONTH! WHAT'S THE REAL STORY?

I CAN'T TELL YOU, DOC! PLEASE DON'T ASK!

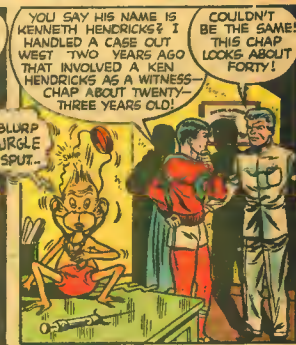


HELLO, LOOVER? THIS IS DR. MILNE! REMEMBER I HELPED YOU ON A POISON DIAGNOSIS ONCE, AND YOU SAID IF YOU COULD EVER DO ME A FAVOR YOU WOULD? WELL, HERE'S THE FAVOR! I HAVE A PECULIAR CASE!



GOOD HEAVENS, MILNE! I ADMIT I OWE YOU A FAVOR, BUT I HAVEN'T TIME TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE OF A BUM WHO GETS INTO BARROOM BRAWLS! CALL THE LOCAL POLICE FOR THAT!

WHY NOT LET ME DO IT FOR YOU, LOOVER?



YOU SAY HIS NAME IS KENNETH HENDRICKS? I HANDLED A CASE OUT WEST TWO YEARS AGO THAT INVOLVED A KEN HENDRICKS AS A WITNESS CHAP ABOUT TWENTY-THREE YEARS OLD!

COULDN'T BE THE SAME! THIS CHAP LOOKS ABOUT FORTY!



HE LIVES AT 11 LANE STREET! USED TO LIVE AT 29 BARRON! HE HAS NO KNOWN RELATIVES AND RARELY GOES OUT! I'M SURE THE MAN'S IN SERIOUS TROUBLE!

I SEE YOU'VE DONE PLENTY OF INVESTIGATING ON YOUR OWN! IT WILL HELP ME SAVE A LOT OF TIME! I'LL KEEP YOU POSTED!



DO YOU EVER DELIVER ICE TO A MR. HENDRICKS THAT LIVES AT 11 LANE STREET?

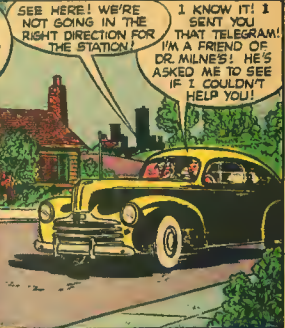
SURE! HE'S A FUNNY MAN! NEVER OPENS THE DOOR! I LEAVE ICE OUTSIDE—HE SLIPS MONEY OUT UNDER THE DOOR I NEVER SEE HIM!



I UNDERSTAND A MR. KENNETH HENDRICKS USED TO LIVE HERE! DID HE GIVE YOU ANY REFERENCES?

JUST ONE—HIS SISTER, MRS. LOUISE BARNES, WAS HER NAME, I THINK—FROM WILTON! HE GOT ACTING QUEER, SO I ASKED HIM TO LEAVE!





SHE'S GONE! MARIE
IS GONE! BUT LOU!
LOU IS STILL
ALIVE!



I ARRIVED IN THE EAST! I FELT
SO SHOCKED BY MARIE'S DEATH,
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING! HOW-
EVER, THE FEAR I HAD FOR
LOU BEGAN TO MELT AWAY!
THEN, ONE NIGHT...



WHO'S THERE?
WHO IS IT
I SAY?



THOUGHT YOU'D
GET AWAY FROM
ME, DIDN'T YOU,
KEN? BUT YOU
CAN'T ESCAPE
ME

NO, LOU!
NO! GO
AWAY!



THOUGHT I'D KILL YOU, HUH?
BUT I'M TOO SMART FOR THAT!
I WANT YOU TO SUFFER! I'M
COMING BACK EVERY MONTH,
ON THE TWENTIETH—MY
HANGING ANNIVERSARY—
TO BEAT YOU UP UNTIL
I DRIVE YOU MAD!



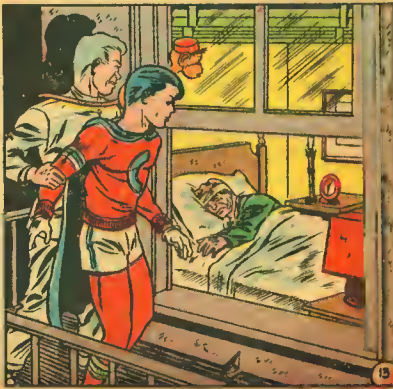
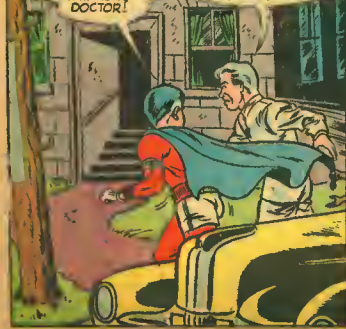
AND THAT'S THE
WHOLE STORY! NO
MATTER WHERE I
GO, HE FINDS ME!
NO MATTER HOW I
LOCK THE DOOR, HE
GETS IN! I CAN'T
ESCAPE HIM AND
HE IS DRIVING
ME MAD!

LET ME BE ON
YOUR FIRE
ESCAPE THE
NEXT TIME
HE VISITS! I
PROMISE YOU
THAT WE'LL
SETTLE THIS
WITHOUT DANGER
TO YOU!



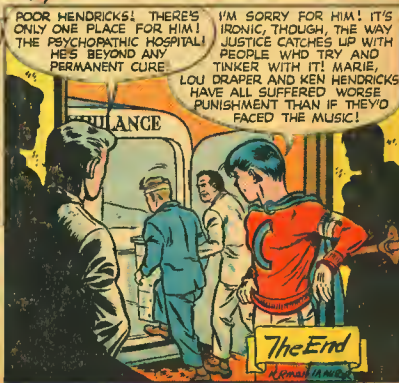
I PROMISED YOU
I'D LET YOU IN ON
THE SHOWDOWN AND
THIS IS IT,
DOCTOR!

IT CERTAINLY IS AN
EXTRAORDINARY STORY!
THIS LOU MUST BE
A HOUDINI!





NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING—
IMAGINE—HE'S BEEN BEATING
HIMSELF UP REGULARLY—I'M
SURE THERE'S SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL
EXPLANATION BUT IT'S TOO DEEP
FOR ME! LET'S STOP HIM!



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thing in the morning. Enclosed is my check for another."

J. C. McQ.
St. Paul, Minn.

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P. N.
Fort Knox, Ky.

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THIS IS YOUR PAGE

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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Dear Reader:

In every issue of **BOY COMICS** this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. Since the conception of **BOY COMICS** we have been guided by two ideals: first the eradication of crime, and second, to give credit to the fearless detectives and officers of the law who daily risk their lives that you and we may live in a more lawful society.

CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors.

"**BOY COMICS** is really swell." That's what my uncle wrote to me in one of his last letters. He was in the Cabanatuan prison camp and he said he was lonely but **BOY COMICS** made him feel at home. I am very proud of **BOY COMICS** and all it has done for the servicemen.

A very proud reader, G. Hogaboom
Quarters 114, Quantico, Va.

You should be very proud of your uncle.

I very highly recommend **BOY COMICS** to my own children and also my grandchildren. When I read them **BOY COMICS** and **DAREDEVIL** they are not only having enjoyment but are also learning about sportsmanship and fair play.

Sincerely yours, George Bakar
745 N. Euclid Ave., St. Louis 8, Mo.

Other grandfathers, note!

I want to compliment you on your printing of such a fine comic magazine. During the war when my brother was overseas in Italy I sent my **BOY**, **DAREDEVIL**, **CRIME DOES NOT PAY** Comics to him and he replied that they boosted the unit's morale 100%. Now in peace **BOY COMICS** is doing the same amount of morale-building. Keep it up! **BOY COMICS** will always be my favorite.

A reader of **BOY COMICS** forever, Don Petterson
150-47 20th Avenue, Whitestone, L. I.

Thanks for boosting our morale, Don.

I enjoy reading your publications of **BOY COMICS** very much and I am sure they will be a valuable asset to our future youth. **BOY** stresses the fact that crime does not pay and also in No. 29 it pointed out that all beings are created equal.

Yours truly, Myrna Colanso
Box 1539, Rossland, B. C., Canada

That, Myrna, is such an obvious truth it shouldn't be necessary to have to point it out.

I think you should bring back more of the old name of **CRIME DOES NOT PAY**, **DAREDEVIL** and **CRIME**.

BUSTER. Lots of boys like me missed most of the issues and are now getting wiser that they're the best comics on the newsstands. I think you are doing fine.

Yours truly, Arnold Spaltar
190 Ross St., Brooklyn 11, N. Y.

We will, Arnold, if the demand rises.

I read what Bob Wood wrote about you in the Sept. issue of **BOY COMICS** and I think it was swell.

We kids not only like to read about our favorite comic characters, but the people who create them too. I suppose you've heard of the canteens organized for teen-aged boys and girls so we could have fun and not be pests to our community. Well, we have one in our town. A lot of us kids were discussing which was our favorite comic and the most named was **BOY COMICS** and your **CRIMEBUSTER**. He's swell. Squeeks, too.

Sincerely, Dixie A. Gibbs
R.R. No. 1, Rochester, N. Y.

Congratulations to the wide awake citizens of your community.

I operate a newsstand in downtown El Paso, and sell lots of comics, but **BOY COMICS** tops 'em all. In my six years of operating a newsstand I have never seen another comic with such exciting stories and clean entertainment as **BOY COMICS**.

Yours truly, Arthur Rosemond
2611 E. Missouri, El Paso, Texas

Honest, readers, we didn't buy this testimonial.

I am a reader of your magazines. I think that you should make it possible for your readers to be able to subscribe to them. Of all comic magazines I like **BOY COMICS** best, then **CRIME DOES NOT PAY**, then **DAREDEVIL**.

A loyal Reader, David Dix
301 S. Ault, Moberly, Mo.

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Young ROBINHOOD

and his BAND

YOUNG ROBINHOOD, LIKE HIS NAMESAKE OF YORE, IS THE CHAMPION OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE AND ENEMY OF THE OPPRESSORS!—BERNARD BIGGS IS THE RICH AND POWERFUL OPPRESSOR WHO USES PEOPLE AS TOYS IN HIS OWN AMBITIOUS GAME UNTIL MURDER PLAYS A LITTLE TRICK OF FATE!



BIGGSVILLE IS A FACTORY TOWN, FOUNDED AND OWNED BY THE BIGGS FAMILY, WHOSE WEALTH HAS BEEN HANDED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS! MOST EVERYTHING IN THE TOWN IS CONTROLLED BY THE MISERLY BERNARD BIGGS—BUT IT'S THE SMALL PEOPLE THAT REALLY MAKE THE TOWN...



YOU FOLKS KNOW WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR! SO LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!

OKAY, KEN! SAY, WHAT'CHA GOT ON YOUR MIND?

OKAY, I'LL GIVE IT STRAIGHT! WE ALL WORK IN BIGGS' FACTORY! WE DEPEND ON HIM FOR A LIVING! HE OWNS OUR HOUSES, HE OWNS THE STORES WE BUY OUR FOOD AND CLOTHES IN—HE OWNS US LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL!

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT WE CAN'T BUY MEAT AND MILK FOR THE KIDS?

YEAH, TELL US!



EVERYTHING! BIGGS HAS BEEN FORCING PRICES UP BECAUSE HE KNOWS WE CAN'T BUY ANYWHERE ELSE! HE WON'T FIX OUR HOUSES BECAUSE WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT—AND HE CHOKES BACK EVERY DOLLAR WE EARN FROM HIM!

WELL, WHY CAN'T WE BUY OUR FOOD WHOLESALE IN PITTSBURGH?

SURE! I GOT A TRUCK TO CARRY IT IN!

SO HAVE I!



THAT'S THE SPIRIT! WE'LL
SHOW BIGGS WE CAN FIGHT
BACK! LET'S ROLL
OUT THE TRUCKS!

YEAH WHAT ARE
WE WAITING FOR?
WE DON'T HAVE TO
FATTEN UP BIGGS
WITH HIS
PRICES!

LET'S GO!
PITTSBURGH,
HERE WE
COME!



MR. BIGGS! KEN CROWLEY'S
STIRRIN' UP TROUBLE AGAIN!
FOLKS ARE ALL HEADIN' TO
THE CITY TO BUY THEIR
OWN FOOD—SAY THEY'LL
BOYCOTT YOU! THEY
GOT TRUCKS—I
JUST CAME FROM
THE MEETING!

YOU RAT,
TURNING ON
YOUR OWN
FRIENDS!

QUIET,
NEAL! YOU'RE
STILL MY SON,
AND ON MY
SIDE OF THIS
AFFAIR!



SO THEY'RE REVOLTING, EH?
WHY, AFTER I'VE KEPT THEM
IN FOOD AN' CLOTHES! IT'S
MUTINY! HELLO, OPERATOR...
PITTSBURGH 4012...
YES!

DAD! STOP!
NOT BEANS
MURDOCK!
HE'S A
KILLER!

SHUT UP! YOU'RE A
TRAITOR TO YOUR FAMILY'S
TRADITION!...OH, HELLO,
BEANS! LISTEN, I HAVE
AN ASSIGNMENT
FOR YOU!

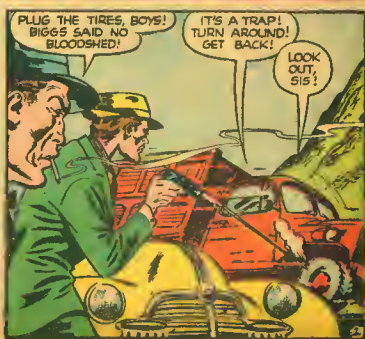


WE'LL BE IN
PITTSBURGH IN
A LITTLE WHILE!
IT'S ALMOST TOO
EASY, KEN! WE
SHOULD'VE DONE
THIS A LONG
TIME AGO!

I KNOW—IT IS
ALMOST TOO
EASY! I'VE GOT
A FEELING,
SIS!



HEY! A
CAR BLOCKING
THE ROAD!
GIVE HIM THE
HORN!



PLUG THE TIRES, BOYS!
BIGGS SAID NO
BLOODSHED!

IT'S A TRAP!
TURN AROUND!
GET BACK!

LOOK
OUT,
SIS!



THE NEXT DAY IN NEW YORK'S CENTRAL PARK...

LOOK AT THIS, ROBIN!
KEN CROWLEY HELD
FOR MURDER! REMEMBER
HIM—THE GUY WE MET
AT THE INTER-STATE
ARCHERY
TOURNAMENT?

YEAH, FROM PENNSY!
MURDER? DOESN'T
SOUND LIKE KEN—
MUST BE SOMETHING
WRONG! LET'S GO
DOWN AND FIND
OUT ABOUT
THIS!

PAPER SAYS HE LIVES
IN BIGGSVILLE! WE
CAN CATCH A PLANE
TO PITTSBURGH THIS
AFTERNOON AND THEN
A TRAIN! I WANT
TO TALK TO KEN!

...AND THAT'S
ALL I KNOW
ABOUT IT,
ROBIN...GUESS
IT LOOKS BAD
FOR ME!

YOU SAY BIGGS' SON
NEVER GOT ALONG
WITH HIM! MAYBE
HE HAD A QUARREL
WITH THE OLD MAN,
GOT OFF THE HANDLE,
AND...I'LL FIND
OUT! SIT TIGHT,
KEN!



YES, I HATED HIM, BUT I DIDN'T
DO IT! I'M HIS HEIR—IT'D BE
TOO OBVIOUS! HOW ABOUT BEANS
MURDOCK? HE WAS DAD'S STRONG-
ARM MAN! AFTER THE HI-JACK
JOB, I HEARD SOMEONE
QUARRELING WITH DAD
ABOUT A PAY-OFF!

SOUNDS LIKE BEANS,
ALL RIGHT! HE COULD'VE
GOTTEN HERE BY CAR
BEFORE KEN DID...
ARGUED ABOUT
MORE MONEY, AND
THEN...WAIT!



THIS PICTURE'S TILTED—LET'S SEE!
HOLY...LOOK, A SAFE BEHIND IT—
CRACKED AS WIDE
AS 5TH AVENUE!

THEN IT WAS
MURDOCK! THERE
IS YOUR MOTIVE—
ROBBERY!

LET'S
GET HIM
AT HIS
HOTEL!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

HERE'S HIS ROOM!
LET'S SEE IF
HE'S HOME!

CAREFUL!
HE'S A ROUGH
CHARACTER!



WHO'S
DERE?
HUH?

HELLO, BEANS!
JUST DROPPED
IN FOR TEA!

MAY WE
COME IN?



NOW LET'S HAVE IT
STRAIGHT! YOU KILLED
BIGGS, AND BEFORE
I LEAVE, I'LL HAVE
A SIGNED
CONFESSION OR
THEY'LL HAVE TO
PICK UP YOUR
BODY WITH A
BLOTTER!

WHAT ARE YA
TALKIN' ABOUT?
HE WAS DEAD
WHEN I GOT
THERE...ER...I
MEAN...

SO YOU
WERE THERE!
FOUND HIM
DEAD AND
CRACKED
THE SAFE,
EH?



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A comic book panel showing a character jumping from a building. Two speech bubbles are present: "THERE HE GOES - DOWN THE FIRE ESCAPE!" and "HE WON'T GET FAR!".

YES, IT'S JOHN REASON...MY
DAO'S COMPANY STOOGE — HE
MUST HAVE SHAKEN DAO DOWN,
AND KILLED HIM WHEN HE DIDN'T
PAY OFF! HE WAS A RAT
AND A TRAITOR TO
HIS PEOPLE!

THEN KEN'S
CLEAR, AND YOU
OWN THE BIGGS
INTERESTS, NEAL!
HOPE YOU GO
RIGHT BY
THEM!

NEXT DAY AT THE CROWLEY HOME...

YES, I'VE SEEN A LOT OF KIT LATELY! DON'T BE SURPRISED IF SHE BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE BIGGS FAMILY!

YES, KEENEAL COULD RUN FOR HIM... ALL THE TOWN...

ROBIN, I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO
THANK YOU FOR
STRAIGHTENING
EVERYTHING
OUT!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT,
KEN—THINGS SEEM
TO STRAIGHTEN
THEMSELVES OUT IF
PEOPLE ARE ALL
PUSHING IN THE
RIGHT
DIRECTION!

*The
END*



"EVER SINCE HE VISITED THE GRAND
COULEE DAM, HE THINKS HE
SHOULD BE FOREMAN!"



"AS I WAS SAYING, DEAN,
HUNTLEY'S JAVELIN THROW SHOULD
WIN THE PENNANT THIS YEAR!"



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LIKE A KID IN
THE COAL BIN?"

"BECAUSE THEY
BOTH GET A
DIRTY LOOK."



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WE'RE NOT
POPULAR
SIS?

ASK
YOUR
FRIEND
TOM

TOM, WHY DON'T
SIS AND I
GET INVITED
TO PROMS
AND
PARTIES

FRANKLY,
JIM ITS
THOSE
UGLY
BLACKHEADS

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WE HEARD ABOUT
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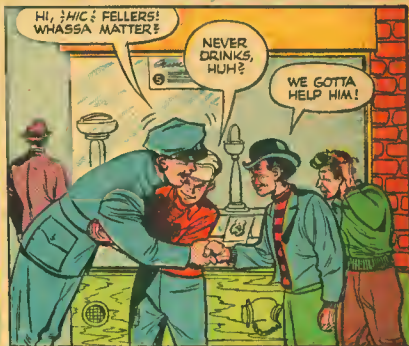
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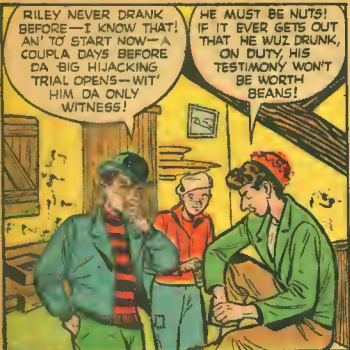
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LITTLE

DYNAMITE

WHEN RILEY, THE POLICEMAN, WAS SUSPENDED FROM THE FORCE, THE PAPERS SAID HE WAS 'NO GOOD.' DYNAMITE SAID, 'I GUESS HE DESERVES SUSPENSION, BUT.....AND THAT 'BUT' WAS DYNAMITE'S INSIDE HUNCH THAT RILEY COULDN'T BE BAD!





RILEY NEVER DRANK BEFORE—I KNOW THAT! AN' TO START NOW—A COUPLA DAYS BEFORE DA BIG HIJACKING TRIAL OPENS—WIT' HIM DA ONLY WITNESS!

HE MUST BE NUTS! IF IT EVER GETS OUT THAT HE WUZ DRUNK, ON DUTY, HIS TESTIMONY WON'T BE WORTH BEANS!



RILEY DID IT AGAIN AN' GOT CAUGHT! IT'S IN THE HEADLINES!

YA DON'T MAKE SENSE! LEMME SEE!



I'M GOING DOWN TO HEAD-QUARTERS AND FIND OUT MORE! YOU STAY HERE AN' KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS, PEANUTS!



WHAT'S THIS? OH, YEAH, RILEY'S VITAMINS! HE LEFT 'EM HERE! THINK I'LL TRY 'EM OUT!



LATER... WELL, I GUESS THAT LABORATORY TECHNICIAN FOUND ALL DAT ALCOHOL IN RILEY'S BLOOD TESTS—HE DESERVES SUSPENSION, BUT.. HEY, PEANUTS!



WHASSA MATTER, DYNAMITE? ;HIC; GOSH, I FEEL SHOOPER, DOOPER!

YOU! DRUNK! ARE YA CRAZY? WHERE'D YA GET IT?



THINK BACK! DID YOU GO OUT AND DRINK? WHAT HAPPENED AFTER WE LEFT?

OH...MY HEAD! I AIN'T BEEN NO WHERE! ALL I DID WUZ... WUZ... I KNOW! I TRIED THEM VITAMINS I TOOK FROM RILEY'S BOTTLE!



THAT'S THE ANSWER! YA SHOULDN'T HAVE SWIPED 'EM, BUT IT'S LUCKY FER RILEY YA DID! C'MON, GUYS, WE GOTTA PAY RILEY A VISIT!

RILEY! WE GOT THINGS FIGURED OUT! YOU'LL BE BACK ON DA FORCE IN NO TIME! JUST ANSWER DIS \$64 QUESTION—WHERE'D YA GET THOSE VITAMIN CAPSULES YA TAKE?

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH ME BEIN' ON OR OFF THE FORCE? IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS BUT MY GIRL FRIEND GAVE 'EM TO ME!

HOLY SMOKE! YOUR GIRL! YA AIN'T GONNA LIKE DIS—BUT I JEST FOUND OUT DEM CAPSULES IS WHAT MADE YOU DRUNK!

WHAT! YOU'D BETTER BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT...OR ELSE!

WE'LL KNOW PRETTY SOON—AN' IF I'M RIGHT, IT MEANS DAT GIRL FRIEND WUZ FRAMIN' YA!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SHE SEEMED SO NICE!

THESE CAPSULES CONTAIN AN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATE OF EXTREME POTENCY—PLUS A SPECIAL EXTRACT THAT WOULD MAKE A PERSON SMELL OF WHISKEY! MY REPORT WILL CLEAR YOU OF THAT DRUNK ON DUTY CHARGE, RILEY!

AN' I THOUGHT SHE LIKED ME! WHY'D SHE DO THAT FOR, DYNAMITE? I DON'T GET IT!

DON'T FORGET—YOU'RE THE ONLY WITNESS AGAINST THAT HIJACK GANG—AN' THE TRIAL STARTS TOMORROW! IF THEY COULD PROVE YOU WERE UNRELIABLE...

NEXT DAY...

SHE WAS GOING TO MEET ME OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE BEFORE THE TRIAL! ONLY I AIN'T WAITING TILL THEN! I'M GOING TO SHAKE THE TRUTH OUT OF HER RIGHT NOW!

WHOA! PLAY IT SMART, RILEY! ACT LIKE NUTTIN' HAS HAPPENED! DEN, AT THE TRIAL...

I'LL BET YOU'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE TRIAL! DID YOU TAKE THE VITAMIN PILLS I GAVE YOU? IF YOU HAVEN'T, I HAVE SOME HERE!

I DID FORGET, HONEY, BUT I HAVE THE BOTTLE YOU GAVE ME! I'LL TAKE A COUPLE NOW!

HEARING YOU TESTIFY WILL BE SO THRILLING! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO HEAR YOU!



GLAD TO TESTIFY...
HIC!

YOUR HONOR, NOT ONLY IS THIS WITNESS DISCREDITED AS A POLICEMAN, BUT HE IS DRUNK AT THIS VERY MOMENT! SINCE HE IS THE SOLE WITNESS, I MOVE THAT THE CASE BE THROWN OUT OF COURT!



THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, MISTER! YOUR HONOR, IF IT ISN'T TOO IRREGULAR, I'D LIKE TO JUST PROVE THAT I WAS FRAMED! THEN I CAN GIVE MY TESTIMONY! IF YOU'LL CALL ROSE DELANE TO THE STAND...



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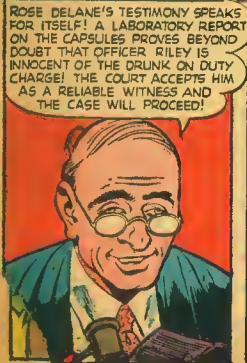


SORRY, LADY, BUT AIN'T YOU MISSIN' YOUR CUE? YOU'RE IN THE ACT UP FRONT!



YOU DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSER! LETTING ME THINK YOU WERE A DUMB FLATFOOT! YOU LET ME THINK YOU WERE TAKIN' THE CAPSULES I GAVE YOU—BUT YOU SWITCHED THEM!

THEN YOU ADMIT THEY WEREN'T HARMLESS VITAMINS AFTER ALL! AND YOU HAVE SOME OF THE ALCOHOL ONES IN YOUR PURSE!



ROSE DELANE'S TESTIMONY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF! A LABORATORY REPORT ON THE CAPSULES PROVES BEYOND DOUBT THAT OFFICER RILEY IS INNOCENT OF THE DRUNK ON DUTY CHARGE! THE COURT ACCEPTS HIM AS A RELIABLE WITNESS AND THE CASE WILL PROCEED!



SO THAT DELANE DAME WAS MIXED UP WITH THE HI-JACKERS AN' THE WHOLE THING WAS A FRAME-UP! BUT RILEY'S TESTIMONY FIXED THEM!

HEY! WHAT'S COOKIN'? DA PATROL WAGON JEST PULLED UP OUTSIDE!



COMPLIMENTS OF THE PRECINCT FOR YOUR SMART HEADWORK ON THAT CASE YOU HELPED WIN, DYNAMITE!

SODA POPS! A CASE OF IT! OH, BOY—THE FLAVOR WE LIKE, TOO!

The End

CRIMEFRUSTER

story by
CHARLES BIRO



A SHORT TIME AGO ON THE MAIN STEM OF MY TOWN I SAW A FUNERAL PROCESSION. THE COLUMN WAS PRECEDED BY A DOZEN OR MORE MOTORCYCLE POLICEMEN AT TRAWLING SPEED. BEHIND THEM AS MANY IF NOT MORE ON HORSEBACK. THE CASKET WAS DRAPED WITH AN AMERICAN FLAG. IT WAS OBVIOUS TO ME THAT IN IT WAS THE REMAINS OF AN OFFICER OF THE LAW, WHO HAD GIVEN HIS LIFE FOR THAT FLAG THAT ORAPED HIM NOW. IT SYMBOLIZED YOU AND ME, THE SOCIETY HE DIED PROTECTING. MAYBE HE WAS KILLED CRACKING A STICK-UP OR CHASING A KILLER. THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS DEATH WERE REALLY IRRELEVANT, BUT TO ME, WHAT WAS SO VITALLY IMPORTANT WAS THE FOR-GRANTED-LIKE MANNER WITH WHICH SOME CITIZENS REACTED. I REMEMBER AS A KID HEARING SOME BOYS REMARK ABOUT POLICEMEN, SUCH AS: "I HATE COPS," "HERE COMES BLUBBER-GUT," AND "CHEEZIT, THE FLAT-FOOT." BUT IF THOSE SAME KIDS HAD THEIR BIKES STOLEN, THEIR FIRST THOUGHT WOULD BE OF THE POLICE. NO SANE BOY WOULD SAY, "I HATE DOCTORS," MERELY BECAUSE HE PREFERS TO STAY HEALTHY. A DOCTOR IS HIS BEST FRIEND WHEN HE'S SICK. THE POLICEMAN IS YOUR BEST FRIEND TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY AND WILL GIVE HIS LIFE IF NECESSARY TO PROVE IT!

Charles Biro

THAT GUY, LOOVER!
"RAID THE FREIGHT YARDS
AND NAB INCOMING HOBOES,"
HE SAYS! HECK! THAT'S
A JOB FOR THE
RAILROAD DICKS!

GO ON! YOU
KNOW YOU'RE
PLEASED THAT
LOOVER PUT
YOU IN CHARGE
OF THE
ASSIGNMENT!

ACTUALLY IT'S A
SMART IDEA TO
SCREEN THESE GUYS
AND FIND THE
CROOKS AND CON
MEN BEFORE THEY
START OPERATING
HERE, ISN'T IT,
SULLY?

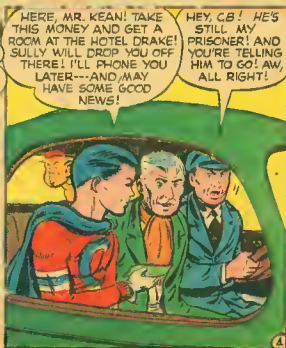
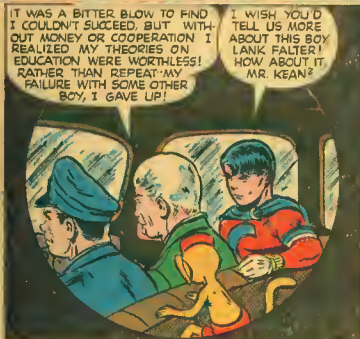
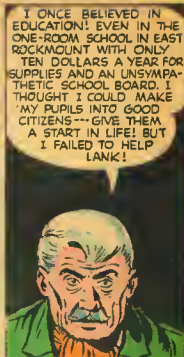
YEAH!
GUESS
YOU'RE
RIGHT!
HOW
ABOUT
COMING
ALONG
ON THE
RAID?

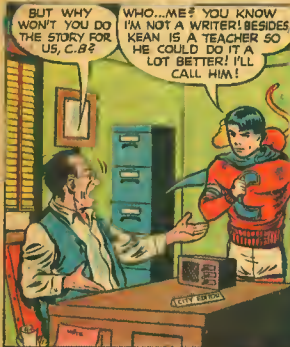
GLAD I CAN
COME ALONG!
WHAT'S THE
SET-UP?

THERE'S A
BIG STRING
OF FREIGHT
CARS COMING
IN FROM THE
WEST IN ABOUT AN
HOUR! MY MEN ARE
THERE NOW WAITING
FOR THE HOBOES
WITH A PADDY
WAGON!









BUT WHY WOULD YOU DO THE STORY FOR US, C.B.?

WHO...ME? YOU KNOW I'M NOT A WRITER! BESIDES KEAN IS A TEACHER SO HE COULD DO IT A LOT BETTER! I'LL CALL HIM!



HOLD UP! I'D RATHER YOU TELL ME THE STORY FIRST! IF IT'S GOOD, I'LL BUY IT FROM HIM! JUST WAIT A SECOND, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!



OKAY! SHOOT! GIVE ME THE STORY! I HOPE IT'S AS GOOD AS YOU SAY IT IS!

WELL, THE STORY STARTS IN A SMALL TOWN IN THE WEST CALLED EAST ROCKMOUNT, WHERE KEAN TOOK A TEACHING JOB LAST YEAR!



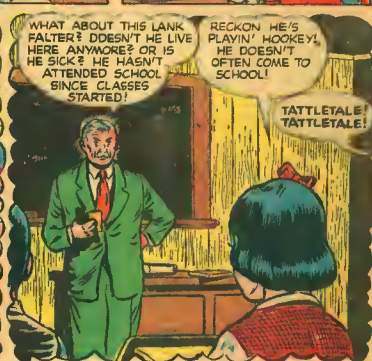
MARY BATES!

PRESENT!

DON CAMP!

PRESENT!

LANK FALTER!



WHAT ABOUT THIS LANK FALTER? DOESN'T HE LIVE HERE ANYMORE? OR IS HE SICK? HE HASN'T ATTENDED SCHOOL SINCE CLASSES STARTED!

RECKON HE'S PLAYIN' HOOKEY! HE DOESN'T OFTEN COME TO SCHOOL!

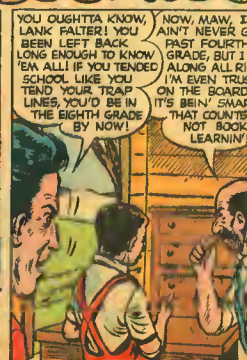
TATTLETALE! TATTLETALE!



MEANWHILE, AT LANK'S HOUSE...

AIN'T IT ABOUT TIME FER SCHOOL, LANK? THINK I'LL GO ALONG WITH YE! IT'S MY DUTY AS A SCHOOL TRUSTEE TO LOOK OVER THE NEW TEACHER!

AW! WHATCHA WANNA SEE HIM FOR? THEY'RE ALL ALIKE!



YOU OUGHTTA KNOW, LANK FALTER! YOU BEEN LEFT BACK LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW 'EM ALL! IF YOU TENDED SCHOOL LIKE YOU TEND YOUR TRAP LINES, YOU'D BE IN THE EIGHTH GRADE BY NOW!

NOW, MAW, I AIN'T NEVER GOT PAST FOURTH GRADE, BUT I GIT ALONG ALL RIGHT! I'M EVEN TRUSTEE ON THE BOARD! IT'S BEIN' SMART THAT COUNTS—NOT BOOK LEARNIN'!



LOOK, PA! CAN'T I QUIT GOIN' TO SCHOOL? LIKE YOU SAID, BOOK LEARNIN' AIN'T WORTH BEANS!

YOU'RE GOIN' TO SCHOOL EVEN IF IT'S JEST TO KEEP YOU OUTTA TROUBLE! AN' IF I HEAR YOU AIN'T ATTENDIN', I'LL KICK THE TAR OUTTA YOU!

SO YOU'RE THE NEW
TEACHER, EH? WELL,
I'M TYLER FALTER,
ONE OF THE TRUSTEES,
AND I GUESS YOU
KNOW MY SON!

GLAD TO
MEET YOU,
SIR! GO SIT
DOWN,
LANK!



I WONDER IF YOU, AS
A TRUSTEE, COULDN'T
PERSUADE THE BOARD
TO MAKE SOME
IMPROVEMENTS HERE?
NO ELECTRICITY! NO
PLUMBING! ANTIQUATED
TEXTBOOKS! THE
PUPILS DESERVE
BETTER
CONDITIONS!

WE DON'T
TAKE TO
NEW FANGLED
IDEAS! WHAT
WAS GOOD
ENOUGH FOR
ME AS A BOY
IS GOOD
ENOUGH FOR
THESE YOUNG
SPROUTS!



YOU CITY FELLERS
IS ALL ALIKE!
WANTIN' ALL KINDS
OF FANCY STUFF!
ALL YOU GOTTA DO
IS TEACH THE
THREE R'S! THAT'S
WHAT YER PAID
FER! GOOD
DAY!

I'M
SORRY
YOU FEEL
THAT
WAY, MR.
FALTER!



YOU READ
ON FROM
THERE
LANK!

THE D.DAY
WAS B.B.U.
BUTIFUL AND
ERR...AW,
I CAN'T
READ!

TEE
HEE!



LATER...

SCHOOL IS
DISMISSED!
LANK FALTER, I'D
LIKE YOU TO STAY
A FEW
MINUTES!



IF YOU THINK
YOU'RE GONNA LICK
ME FOR PLAYING
HOOKEY! I'M WARNIN'
YA NOT TO! I'LL BEAT
YA AND HAVE
PA FIRE YA,
BESIDES!

TAKE IT EASY, LANK!
I JUST WANTED TO
TALK OVER THE
LESSONS YOU MISSED
AND WARN YOU NOT
TO PLAY HOOKEY
AGAIN!



DON'T YOU SEE YOU HURT
YOURSELF BY PLAYING
HOOKEY! HERE YOU ARE
FIFTEEN, AND YOU CAN'T
READ! EDUCATION IS
IMPORTANT, LANK!

NUTS! PAW ONLY
SENDS ME TO KEEP
ME OUTTA MISCHIEF!
HE SAYS SMARTNESS
IS MORE IMPORTANT
THAN BOOK
LEARNIN'!



I DIDN'T LET YOUR FATHER KNOW
YOU HAD BEEN MISSING SCHOOL
BECAUSE I PREFERRED TO DISCUSS
IT WITH YOU, FIRST! FROM NOW
ON, I EXPECT YOU TO ATTEND
OR I'LL REPORT YOU TO THE
TRUANT OFFICER!

AIN'T NO TRUANT
OFFICER! I'LL COME
AN' GO AS I
PLEASE, AN' IF
YOU TELL MY PA,
I'LL FIX YOU
GOOD!



SEVERAL WEEKS LATER IN
LANK FALTER'S HOME...

HOW IS
SCHOOL GOIN',
SON?

WHY...ER...
OKAY! ONLY I
DON'T TAKE TO
THE NEW
TEACHER!

YOU AIN'T BEEN TO
SCHOOL FER TWO
WEEKS! GOT A LETTER
FROM THE TEACHER
AN' DAISY MILLER
SEZ IT'S TRUE! I
TOLD YOU I'D
LICK YOU IF...

AW, PA!
WAIT! I
DIDN'T
MEAN
NO HARM!
THAT DUMB
TEACHER...

SHUT UP!
I'M GOIN' TO
BEAT THE LIVIN'
DAYLIGHTS
OUTTA YE!

PLEASE,
PA!

COME BACK
HERE YOU
NO GOOD
BRAT!

I'M FED UP WITH FARMIN'! I SHOULD
THINK YOU'D BE, TOO, PETE! WHY
NOT COME TO NEW CITY WITH ME
AN' REALLY START LIVIN'!

YOU MEAN YOU'RE
RUNNIN' AWAY FROM
HOME, LANK? GEE! I'D
LIKE TO, BUT I AIN'T
GOT NO MONEY!

WHAT DO WE NEED
MONEY FOR? WE GOT
BRAINS! ONCE WE
GET TO THE CITY WE
CAN MAKE PLENTY!
AN' GO TO SHOWS
AN' FANCY
RESTAURANTS!

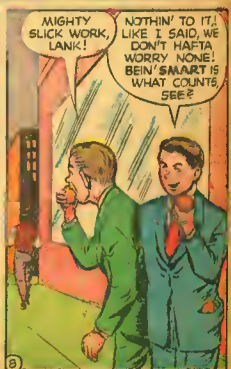
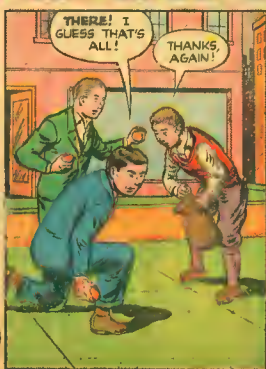
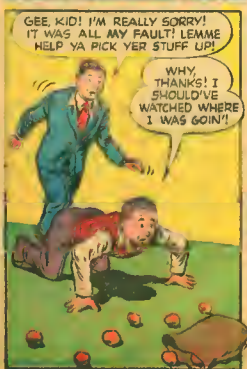
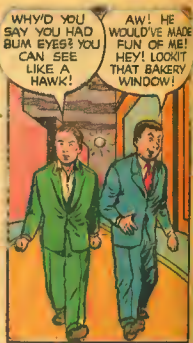
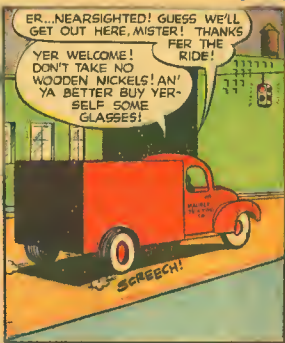
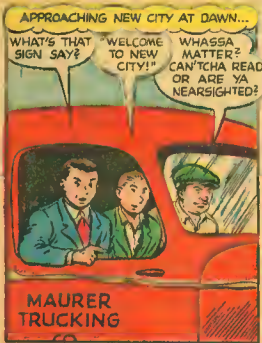
GOSH! THAT
SOUNDS
GOOD
TO ME!

OKAY, IT'S A DEAL! I'M
GONNA SNEAK BACK HOME
AFTER DARK AN' GET MY
GOOD CLOTHES! YOU DO
THE SAME, AN' WE'LL
MEET AT THE CROSS-
ROADS AT TEN
TONIGHT!

DON'T
WORRY
I'LL BE
THERE!

I KINDA WISH
I COULDA LEFT A
NOTE FOR MOM
BUT I FIGURED
I BETTER
NOT!

SURE WISH I'D HAD
TIME TO SET OUT A
BEAR TRAP FER THAT
STINKIN' TEACHER!
HERE COMES A
TRUCK! WE'RE
LUCKY!



THE SAME EVENING...

IT'S BEEN FUN
SEEN' THE CITY BUT
WE AIN'T LINED UP
A JOB OR A PLACE
TO SLEEP AN' I'M
HUNGRY AGAIN!

THERE'S NO RUSH
WE'LL MAKE OUT
OKAY BUT WE WANT
TO FIND SOME
SOFT RACKET! IF
YOU'RE HUNGRY
LET'S GO IN
HERE!

A TOMMY



DO WE HAVE
ENOUGH
MONEY LANK?

I GOT ABOUT
FIFTY CENTS IN
NICKLES! JUST
COPY EVERYTHING
I DO AN' YOU'LL
EAT GOOD!



JUST COFFEE?
GEE, LANK, CAN'T
WE HAVE MORE
THAN THIS?

SHUDDUP AN'
QUIT WORRYIN'!
I, AIN'T THROUGH
YET!



WHAT HAPPENED
TO OUR DINNER!
HEY! I WANT THE
MANAGER!

HUH?



WHAT SEEMS
TO BE THE
TROUBLE,
BOYS?

PLENTY! HERE WE
WENT AN' BOUGHT TWO
WHOLE DINNERS 'CEPT
WE WENT BACK FOR
COFFEE, AN' WHEN WE
REACHED OUR TABLE,
THE DINNERS WERE
GONE!



ONE OF YOU SHOULD'VE
STAYED BEHIND TO
KEEP AN EYE ON
THINGS! ALTHOUGH
I WOULDN'T EXPECT
ANYONE TO STEAL!
WHAT DID YOU
HAVE?

ER...SOUP...
POT ROAST
WITH POTATOES
AN' CARROTS,
APPLE PIE!



POT ROAST!
WE DON'T
HAVE THAT
ON THE
MENU!

HE MEANS
STEW! BACK
HOME FOLKS
SPEAK OF IT
AS POT ROAST
SOME-
TIMES!

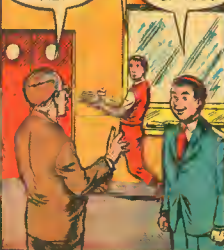
THAT'S
RIGHT! IT'S
THE SAME
THING ONLY
THE MEATS
CUT UP!



HEY! JOE!
BRING THESE
BOYS A COUPLA
ORDERS OF
SOUP, BEEF
STEW AND
APPLE
PIE!

OKAY, BOSS!
RIGHT AWAY!

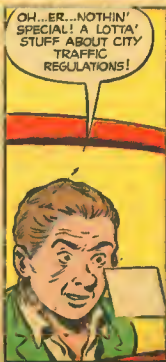
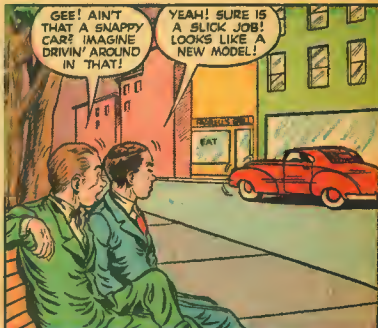
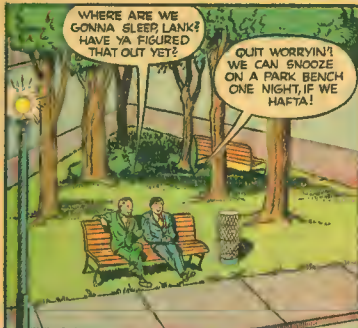
GEE,
THANKS,
MISTER! THAT'S
REAL NICE
OF YOU!



BOY, OH BOY!
THAT TASTED
GOOD! HOW'D YA
EVER FIGURE OUT
SUCH A NEAT
RACKET?

I'M SMART, THAT'S
ALL! WHY WORK
FER A LIVIN'
WHEN YA CAN
USE YOUR
BRAINS!





YOU PUT WATER
IN THE RADIATOR,
PETE, WHILE I
GO TO THE
WASHROOM!

SURE!
GO AHEAD,
LANK!

FIFTY
DOLLARS!
I'LL SHOW
LANK WHO'S
SMARTER!

YOU GOT
A PHONE
AROUND
HERE?

SURE! RIGHT
INSIDE THE
OFFICE!

AIN'TCHA THROUGH
YET? I WANNA GET
THIS CRATE BACK
BEFORE THAT GUY
MISSES IT!

HOLD YER
HOSSES! I HAFTA
PUT THE WATER IN
SLOW SO IT
WON'T CRACK
THE RADIATOR!

WHO WAS IT
THAT JUST PHONED
HEADQUARTERS?

I DID!
THERE'S THE
CAR!

WHAT'S
GOIN' ON,
PETE?

OKAY, WISE GUY,
STEP OVER INTO
THE SQUAD CAR!
YOU HAVE A DATE
AT HEAD-
QUARTERS!

CAR STEALIN'
AIN'T KID STUFF!
YOU'LL TAKE A
LONG RAP FOR
THIS!

PETE! TELL
'EM I JUST
BORROWED IT!
TELL 'EM I WUZ
GONNA TAKE IT
BACK!

PETE AIN'T BACKIN' YOU
UP, KID! PETE'S THE GUY
THAT TURNED YOU IN!
HE'S NO DOPE! HE'D RATHER
HAVE THE FIFTY DOLLAR
REWARD THE OWNER
OFFERS ON THAT
WINDSHIELD STICKER
THAN...

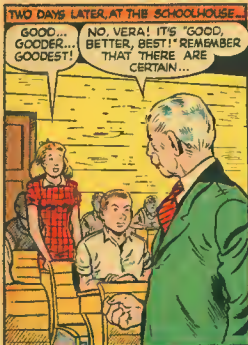
WHY, YOU
DIRTY
DOUBLE-
CROSSER!
YOU KNEW
I COULDN'T
READ! WHEN
I ASKED YOU
WHAT IT SAID,
YOU LIED JUST
SO YOU COULD
FRAME ME!

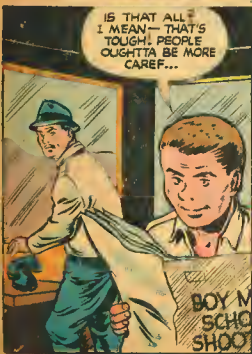
WHERE ARE YA
TAKIN' ME? I AIN'T
DONE NOTHIN'!
ALL I WANT IS
MY FIFTY
BUCKS!

TAKE YOUR TIME,
SONNY! YOU'LL GET
IT, BUT WE HAVE
TO HOLD YOU AS
A MATERIAL
WITNESS UNTIL
THE TRIAL
COMES UP!

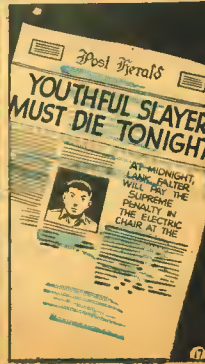
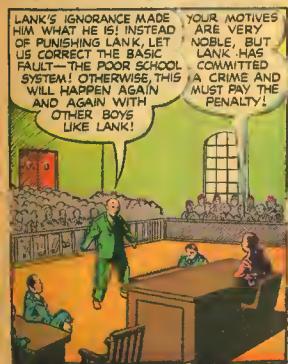
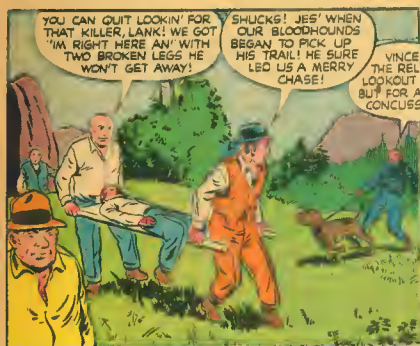














YOU MUST PARDON THE BOY, GOVERNOR! I FAILED HIM AS A TEACHER BUT I HAD NO SUPPORT! NO MATERIALS, NO FUNDS! YOU COULD HELP CORRECT THAT!

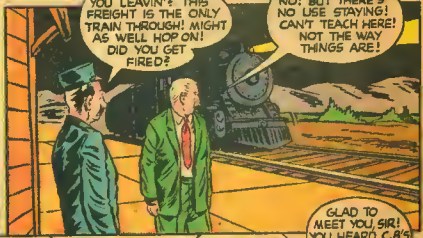
SORRY! MY HANDS ARE TIED! AND IT'S UP TO THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE BETTER LOCAL SCHOOLS BY HAVING HIGHER SCHOOL TAXES! TAKE MY ADVICE AND FORGET IT OR YOU'LL HAVE A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN!



READY, LANK?

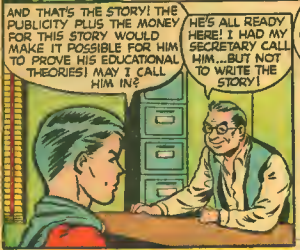


**LANK FALTER
EXECUTED FOR
MURDER OF
PAL**



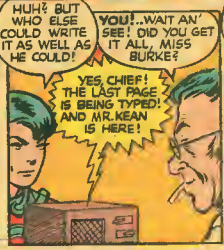
YOU LEAVIN'? THIS FREIGHT IS THE ONLY TRAIN THROUGH! MIGHT AS WELL HOP ON! DID YOU GET FIRED?

NO! BUT THERE'S NO USE STAYING! CAN'T TEACH HERE! NOT THE WAY THINGS ARE!



AND THAT'S THE STORY! THE PUBLICITY PLUS THE MONEY FOR THIS STORY WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO PROVE HIS EDUCATIONAL THEORIES! MAY I CALL HIM IN?

HE'S ALL READY HERE! I HAD MY SECRETARY CALL HIM...BUT NOT TO WRITE THE STORY!



HUH? BUT WHO ELSE COULD WRITE IT AS WELL AS HE COULD!

YOU!...WAIT AN' SEE! DID YOU GET IT ALL, MISS BURKE?

YES, CHIEF! THE LAST PAGE IS BEING TYPED! AND MR. KEAN IS HERE!



THERE'S THE STORY, CHIEF! AND THIS IS MR. KEAN!

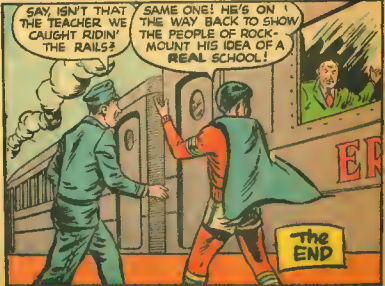
GLAD TO MEET YOU, SIR! YOU HEARD C.B.'S STORY! HOW'D IT SOUND?

SPLENDID! COULDN'T HAVE DONE HALF AS WELL MYSELF!



NOW IF YOU'LL SIGN THIS RELEASE, I'LL GIVE YOU A CHECK FOR \$5,000 FOR THE STORY! HOW DO YOU WANT IT MADE OUT?

YOU MEAN JUST FOR TELLING THE STORY? WELL, OKAY, MAKE IT OUT TO MR. KEAN!



SAY, ISN'T THAT THE TEACHER WE CAUGHT RIDIN' THE RAILS?

SAME ONE! HE'S ON THE WAY BACK TO SHOW THE PEOPLE OF ROCKMOUNT HIS IDEA OF A REAL SCHOOL!

The END

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A Daredevil Story

YOU know that song about it being so peaceful in the country?" Pee-Wee glanced around at the meadows flanking the little winding road as he spoke. "Well—it sure is the truth. Nothing happens at all!"

Daredevil grinned. "Don't be such a glutton for excitement, Pee-Wee. Besides, you'd be surprised how much excitement there can be anywhere."

Daredevil and his young cohorts, the Little Wise Guys, were spending a peaceful day walking in the country—an unusual procedure for those who are usually pursued by adventure.

"I agree," said Jock. "It's much too pleasant to even think of excitement. There's only one thing I'd like right now, and that's some of that cold, icy country spring-water."

"Maybe you'll get your wish," answered *Daredevil*. "There's a farmhouse up the road that appears to be just the place to look for it."

A moment later the little group straggled up the driveway and towards the back yard of a neat white building. Several cars were parked on the grass, but no one was in sight.

"Guess we'd better knock at the kitchen door," said *Daredevil*, but as they approached, he stopped suddenly. "Wait a minute — sounds like someone crying!"

Jock pointed. "Right you are," he said quietly. "Look over there."

Following his leveled finger, the others saw a pretty young girl hunched over at the bottom of the steps, evidently in the depths of despair. As they drew nearer, she raised a tear-stained face.

"They—they all went out to the south pasture," she sobbed, "the sheriff and all."

Daredevil frowned and spoke quietly. "The Sheriff? What's the trouble, Miss?"

The girl stared. "Why, don't you know? It's—it's Billy. He's—dead! And we were going to be married. He went hunting with—with Martin, and

there was an accident, and now he's—he's gone!"

Daredevil's voice was gentle, but his eyes were alert. "Who's Martin? A friend of Billy's?"

The girl's dazed face showed surprise at the question. "Why, Martin's the hired hand who works for Daddy. He asked me to marry him once, too." She glanced away. "But Martin's not quite right up here." Then looking back at *Daredevil*, she said, "Oh, yes—he was Billy's friend. People thought he might be mad at Billy about me—but Martin took a shine to Billy after Billy got out of the Army. They were great friends. But now Billy—he was only home two months, and—"

But *Daredevil* was no longer listening. With a curt, "Come on, fellows!" he was off in the direction the girl had pointed, his long strides forcing the Little Wise Guys to trot along after him.

Five minutes and several fields later, a tense little tableau was presented to *Daredevil* and the Little Wise Guys. Several men, one of them leaning against a fence in a pose of utter dejection, stood grouped around a body on the ground. He had been a handsome boy, but now he lay still in death, his body naked to the waist, fresh white bandages gleaming uselessly on his back and chest.

As *Daredevil* and the boys approached, the dejected man was speaking. *Daredevil* waved the Wise Guys to silence and stood quietly listening.

"It's like I told Jim and Fred here, Sheriff," the man was saying. "We'd been out an hour or so, Billy and me, and I'd missed some good shots. I was kinda mad. So when this here rabbit jumped outa the grass, I was sure gonna get him." He waved his blunt hands, greasy with a film of gun oil, at a double barrelled shot-gun leaning against the fence beside him. *Daredevil* frowned warningly at Pee-Wee, who was busily engaged in climbing to the top of the stone fence to gain a better view of the proceedings.

The hired man wiped the perspiration from his

head, his hand leaving a streak of oil on his forehead, and continued. "Well, ol' Betsy jammed. She don't often do that, but just the same I got real mad. People say I ain't very smart, and I guess they're right. I got so excited I was a-diggin' down into ol' Betsy's chamber, bent on loosenin' them shells, and—well, I guess I musta been wavin' her around some. Anyway, just as I got my hand out, both barrels went off—just like that. I heard Billy kinda grunt, an' I looked up, and he was fallin'—an' then I knew I'd done shot him!"

The men in the little group shook their heads. "Sure was bad luck, Martin," said one of them. "Did he—was he dead right then?"

"Well, I don't know exactly," answered Martin. "I couldn't tell. I didn't know just what was right to do. Seemed so far back to the house, I figured on helpin' if I could. I took Billy's kit of bandages an' fixed him like you see, and then I started for the house to call the Doc. That's when I met Jim here. So Jim, he went to call, an' I come back here to be with Billy. An' then you come, Sheriff, and Doc Fred here—an'an' that's all, I guess. I shore feel bad, though—guess I'm awful dumb."

"Just a moment—one question!" At the sound of the sharp voice, the men turned, startled. Before they had a chance to speak, *Daredevil* continued. "Did you, at any time since helping Billy, handle your gun?"

Martin shifted uneasily. "Why, no—she's been there against the wall since I put 'er down to fix Billy up. I kinda didn't like to touch 'er, after—"

The Sheriff's hearty voice interrupted. "Why, if it isn't *Daredevil*! What are you doing way out here, friend?"

"Trying to see a little justice done right now, Sheriff," answered *Daredevil*. "I intend to arrest Martin for murder!"

The Sheriff stared. "Murder! Well, now, Martin isn't quite right, maybe, but he's harmless. Murder, now—"

"He's as harmless as a rattler!" *Daredevil's* eyes flashed sparks. "He's a homicidal maniac! Look at his hands—and look at those bandages! They're perfectly clean! If he'd dirtied them digging into his gun, and then applied the bandages, they'd be filthy with oil. He killed Billy in a fit of jealousy over that girl, and made up this sickly story."

"No use arguing, Sheriff," interrupted a drawling voice, cold with venomous hate. Back by the wall stood Martin, the twin barrels of his shotgun pointing steadily at the frozen group before him.

"That *Daredevil* is toq smart to be fooled—I've heard all about him," continued the killer. "But nobody ain't smart enough to argue with a shotgun at ten feet." His face wrinkled into a terrible caricature of a smile.

"I'm gonna slide over ~~this~~ wall," he said, "an' nobody better try to stop me!" Carefully his left hand felt behind him over the waist-high wall, searching for a firm grip preparatory to hoisting his body to the top of the wall. As his fingers found their hold somewhere on the other side of the wall, his voice turned to that of a maniac. "I'll be waitin' on the other side for the first one over," he mumbled. "An' if anybody moves now, I might even hit one of them kids—wouldn't that be too bad?"

Martin tensed his body for the leap to the top of the wall—and then suddenly he gave a howl of surprised pain! The barrel of the gun snapped high in the air as he jerked his other hand from behind the wall.

That fraction of a second was all that was necessary. That's all that's ever necessary when *Daredevil* goes into action. There was the flash of a body across the space dividing the men and the maniac, a sharp slap as the gun flew from Martin's hand, and the splat of a steel fist on bone. The killer smashed against the wall, and slumped to the ground, unconscious.

"Better watch this one closely, Sheriff," said *Daredevil*, as he reached a helping hand to the little figure climbing over the wall. "I told you he was dangerous!"

A few minutes later, back on the road, Pee-Wee turned excited eyes on *Daredevil*. "Gosh, he was a mean one, wasn't he? Made me shiver to listen to him!"

Daredevil grinned down at his little friend. "He certainly was," he answered, "but tell me, my little warrior—just how did you happen to be behind that wall?"

Pee-Wee looked sheepish. "Well, you know I got up there to see better, and when you were telling why he was a murderer I got excited and fell off. Before I could get back up again, I heard him talking, and then I saw his hand on the wall—so I just bashed his fingers with a rock!"

Daredevil tousled the little head beside him affectionately. "And a good thing you did, too," he said. "Very nice work. Now, what was it we were talking about before we got mixed up in that mess? Oh, yes. Pee-Wee, you were complaining about it being so peaceful in the country—weren't you?"



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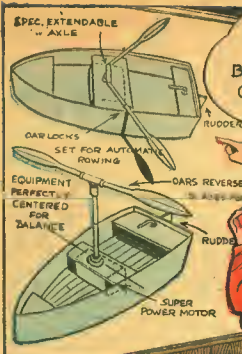
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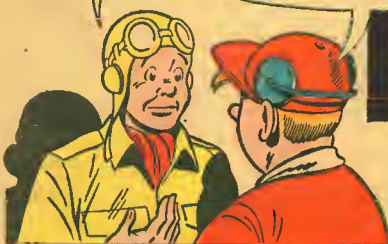
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LET'S TRY IT OUT! ALL THE PARTS ARE READY.

I HAVEN'T TESTED IT IN THE LAB, YET!

THE HECK WITH THAT! A PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION IS BETTER! C'MON!



SO SHE'S JUST AN ORDINARY BOAT, IS SHE?

NOT BAD, SWOOP.. NOT BAD AT ALL. NOW, LET'S TRY IT IN THE AIR.

SHE'S ALL SET! COME ABOARD!



I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THIS PART.

AW, GO AHEAD - NOTHING
CAN HAPPEN.

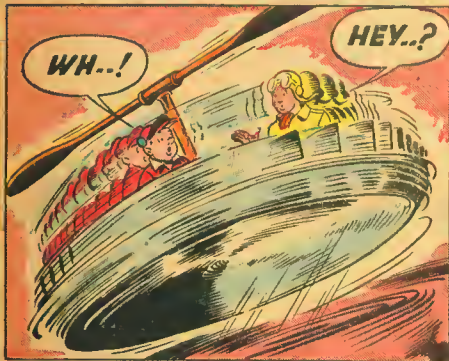


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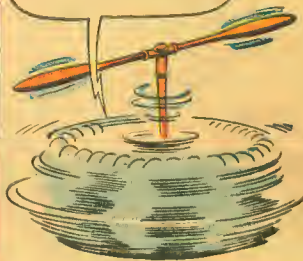


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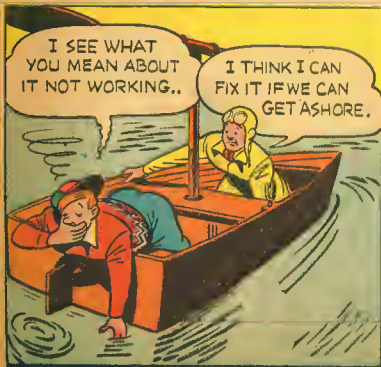


O-O-O-H!! TURN
IT OFF, I'M SO DIZZY
I'M GETTING SEA-SICK.



I SEE WHAT
YOU MEAN ABOUT
IT NOT WORKING..

I THINK I CAN
FIX IT IF WE CAN
GET ASHORE.



I'LL PUT IN AT THIS
LITTLE ISLAND. I'M
SURE I CAN CORRECT
THE TROUBLE.

JUST
BE SURE.
I DON'T WANT
ANOTHER
WHIRL.



HAND ME THAT
WRENCH, WINKIE!



HEY, SLUG! THERE'S OUR
TRANSPORTATION!

YEAH, BITTSY, AN
I KNOW THE FIRST THING
I'M GONNA DO WHEN
WE HIT SHORE.



WHAT'S THAT SLUG?

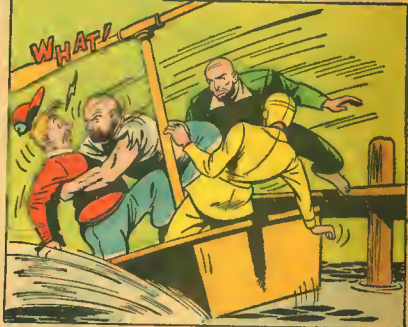
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THAT DOUBLE-CROSS-
IN' HOT SHOT GANG
WHAT MAROONED
US ON THIS ISLAND
AN' FILL 'EM FULLA
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THINK THAT'S
THE TROUBLE?



WHAT!



HERE'S ROPE...TIE
'EM UP!

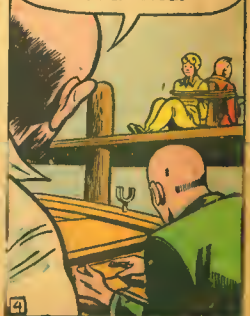


OKAY BOYS WHERE'S THE
SWITCH ON THIS BOAT?

RIGHT ON THE
ENGINE.
ONLY IT'S NOT
WORKING RIGHT.



DAT'S OKAY...WE'LL TAKE
A CHANCE.



HELP!

SHUT IT OFF!!



I DON'T ENVY THEM.

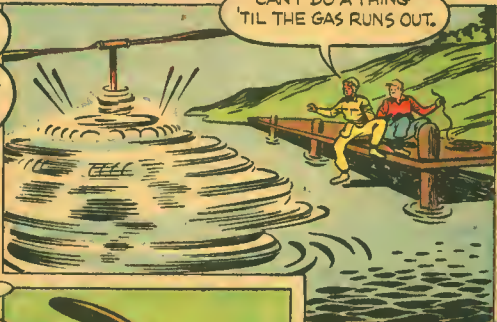
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NO! DON'T JUMP, BITTSY!
THE BOAT'LL BASH YOUR
BRAINS IN.

I'D RATHER
BE DEAD THAN
LIKE THIS.

CAN'T DO A THING
'TIL THE GAS RUNS OUT.



THEY MUST FEEL AWFUL!

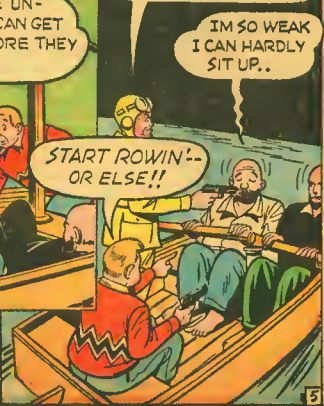
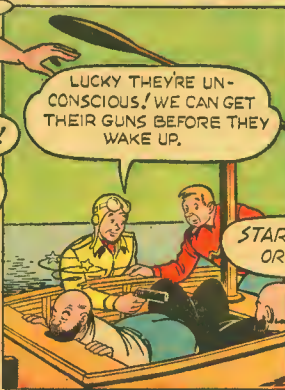
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PASSED OUT BY
NOW.

LUCKY THEY'RE UN-
CONSCIOUS! WE CAN GET
THEIR GUNS BEFORE THEY
WAKE UP.

OKAY! START ROWIN'!

IM SO WEAK
I CAN HARDLY
SIT UP..

**START ROWIN'--
OR ELSE!!**



LAND'S SAKE! BITTSY
MALONE AND SLUG BROPHY!
SEEMS LIKE THE FEDERAL
BOYS WANT TO SEE YOU!

YA GOT ANY
SPARE GAS,
SHERIFF?

THANKS A LOT, SHERIFF!
OKAY, WINKIE, WE CAN TAKE
OFF...

SHORE!
ALL YE WANT.

DATS
OKAY
WID ME!!
ANYTHING IS
BETTER THAN
DIS CRAZY BOAT.

ARE YOU
SURE?

GET
ALONG.

NOW WHY WOULDN'T THAT
CONTRAPTION WORK FOR US?
OF ALL THE ROTTEN BREAKS!
I'D STILL FEEL SAFER IN
JAIL!

AND THAT'S JUST
WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
COME ALONG!

HOLD UP A SECOND, SHERIFF!
I'D KINDA LIKE TO SEE WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN THEY START
THAT ENGINE!

BYE!

ME TOO!

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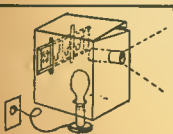
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